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Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update 2006 First and Second Semi-Annual Seasons

The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of January 31, 2007, in pounds (lb) and metric tons (mt) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic swordfish fisheries for the first and second semi-annual seasons of the 2006 fishing year. Please note that these estimates are subject to late reporting and do not include recreational landings or discards. The 2006 annual directed landings quota NOT adjusted for 2005 underharvests for North Atlantic swordfish is 2,554.9 mt dw and the annual incidental quota is 300 mt dw. In addition, 150.4 mt dw North Atlantic swordfish quota may be caught between 5 degrees North latitude and 5 degrees South latitude. The annual directed landings quota NOT adjusted for 2005 underharvests for South Atlantic swordfish is 90.2 mt dw.

	Quota mt dw	Landings		Remaining Quota		Percent of Quota Taken
		mt dw	lb dw	mt dw	lb dw	
NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery First Season (June 1, 2006 - November 30, 2006)	1,277.5	590.4	1,301,626	687.0	1,514,640	46%
Directed Fishery Second Season (December 1, 2006 - May 31, 2007)	1,277.5	255	562,290	1022.4	2,253,976	20%
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)	300	2.2	4,947	297.8	656,433	0.7%
Total	2,937.7*	847.7	1,868,863	2089.9	4,607,370	28.9%
SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery (annual quota)	90.2	0	0	90.2	198,855	0%

*includes 82.7 mt dw allocated to the reserve

NMFS is conducting rulemaking to adjust the quota consistent with the 2006 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas recommendations. This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic swordfish fishery interests to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. To view catch statistics from previous months, please visit http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/swordfish_catch_statistics.htm or contact Jackie Wilson at (404) 806-7622.


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